

In the Specification:

Page 23, lines 5, 28, and 32 please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 24, lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13, please delete each occurrence of "not shown" between "(" and ")", and in place thereof in each case, please insert --shown later--.

Page 42, lines 20 and 28, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 47, line 1, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 50, line 14, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 54, lines 4 and 26, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 56, line 20, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 58, lines 16 and 23, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 62, line 29 please delete "drives" and insert --motors--.

Page 64, line 6, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Page 73, line 30, please insert --here-- between "shown" and ")".

Remarks

The specification has been amended to better comport the text thereof with the drawing figures where elements are first discussed without a figure reference and then later discussed in relation to subsequent drawing figures. The specification at page 62 has also been corrected to consistently employ the terms "drive" and "motor" relative to the focusing operations of the present invention.

Applicant has corrected Figs. 5, 26, and 113 as indicated above. In Fig. 5, the Applicant notes that element number 92 should be correctly labeled as "MSA INTERFACE" Support for the correction can be found in the specification on page 26, lines 10 - 11; therefore, no new matter has been added. In Fig. 26, the Applicant notes that the element number "2-22" should be correctly labeled "2-20". Support for this correction is found, for example, in Figs. 27 and 28 as well as the text of the specification at page 41, lines 26-32. In Fig. 113, the Applicant notes that the term "DS"

should be correctly labeled "QS". This amendment to formal Fig. 113 is clearly supported by informal Fig. 113 as originally filed.

In the present Office Action the Examiner stated that the IDS filed on July 1, 1999 was not considered because the fee under § 1.17(p) and the listing of references on Form PTO-1449 were not submitted. Applicant respectfully disagrees. On July 1, 1999, Applicant submitted an IDS that did include Form PTO-1449 listing all of the submitted references as well as copies thereof. Also, the required fee was effectively submitted by Applicant's express authorization to charge payment of any fees associated with the IDS. Furthermore, Applicant notes that on page 5 of the Form PTO-1449 the following statement appears "Authorization to charge Applicant's deposit account for entry of these references has been given in the statement submitted herewith". For the Examiner's consideration, Applicant resubmits herewith, as Attachment B, a copy of the July 1, 1999 IDS, accompanying Form PTO-1449, and Applicant's date-stamped return postcard establishing that such was filed as indicated.

In view of the foregoing remarks, and with entry of the formal drawing figures, it is respectfully submitted that this application, including claims 1, 17-71, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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